

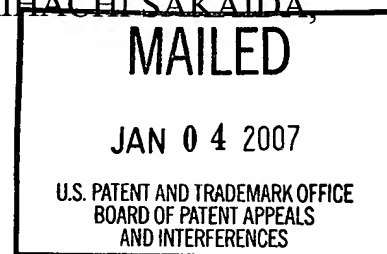
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte TOMINARI ARAKI, MASANORI NAKANO, KIHACHI SAKAIDA,
and KOUICHI KANNO

Application 10/056,973
Technology Center 1700



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 15, 2006. A review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The Examiner's Answer, mailed July 13, 2006, fails to list the reference evidence relied upon in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of the claims on appeal. *See the Manual of Patenting Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.02(A)(8).* Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

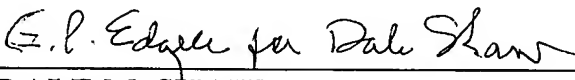
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- (1) to issue a corrected Examiner's Answer that provides the required content under the heading “**(8) Evidence Relied Upon**” as specified in the *MPEP* § 1207.02(A)(8) ;

and

- (2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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